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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has studied the recently released `Indian Corruption Study to Improve Governance-2005` by the Centre for Media Studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the police administration tops the list as the most corrupt body with judiciary and land administration including urban bodies stand in second and the education (school) sector topping the ranking on monetary terms;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the report estimates the monetary value of corruption at Rs. 21,800 crores a year; and

(f) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to check corruption in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (e): The study undertaken by Transparency International India in alliance with Centre for Mass Studies is based on a survey done on 14,405 respondents in 20 states and covers 11 services. The key highlights of the study including ranking of various services based on Corruption Index, reasons for corruption and monitory value of the corruption estimated in the study have been published by the Transparency International India, New Delhi under the title `India Corruption Study, 2005 to Improve Governance`.

(f): Several steps have already been taken in order to remove corruption; and to improve administrative functioning. Important among them are; enactment of the Right to Information Act, 2005; Notification of the Whistle Blowers Resolution 2004; the pro-active involvement of Ministry/Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance; issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC; enactment of CVC Act and strengthening the CBI to discharge its anti corruption work; increased use of information and Communication Technology; introduction of Citizens Charters and simplifications of procedures and systems etc.